

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16th, 1920.

The Board of Public Works met at the office of the Board of Public Works in Baltimore on Thursday, December 16th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

## Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,  
E. Brooke Lee, Comptroller.

The minutes of the meetings of November 24th, November 26th, and December 8th, were approved.

The following letter from the Comptroller was considered.

"Office of Comptroller,  
Baltimore, Maryland,  
December 13th, 1920.

Hon. Philip B. Perlman,  
Secretary of State,  
1313 Fidelity Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Perlman:-

I have talked with Mr. Karl Singewald, Secretary of the War Records Commission, in regard to the contents of your letter of November 25th. Mr. Singewald states that as an actual fact the War Records Commission has no furniture to sell at present, but states that the Commission may have several extra pieces of furniture in the near future. Mr. Singewald points out the fact that the furniture of the Maryland Council of Defense was transferred to the War Records Commission by an Act of the 1920 Legislature, and states that he does not feel that the War Records Commission is authorized to settle the three small bills against the Maryland Council of Defense, mentioned in your letter of November 25th, from the proceeds of the sale of the furniture belonging to the War Records Commission. As an additional difficulty, Mr. Singewald states that some of the furniture bought by the War Records Commission out of its lump appropriation for the current fiscal year may be sold and furniture of the Maryland Council of Defense retained.

As I am inclined to agree with Mr. Singewald's contention as to his lack of authority to pay these bills, when the balance of the funds appropriated for the Maryland Council of Defense has been returned to the Board of Public Works, I suggest that these three small bills in question, aggregating \$8.87, be paid from the contingent fund of the Board of Public Works. I am returning the bills to you.

The above statement of facts seems to cover the contents of your letter of December 8th, and for the above mentioned reasons I suggest that the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company bill for \$97.89, against the Department of Labor of the former Maryland Council of Defense, be referred to the Board of Public Works for payment.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. Brooke Lee,

Comptroller."

The Secretary was directed to pay the bills mentioned in the above letter from the Contingent Fund of the Board of Public Works.

The report of the State Auditor on the financial condition of St. John's College was considered and ordered filed.

The Secretary reported that Mr. H. H. Hooper, 708 Arlington Avenue, Govans, had been given permission to use the lot at North and Maryland Avenues for the sale of Christmas trees from December 17th to 24th, inclusive, for the sum of \$10.00. The Secretary reported that the \$10.00 had been received from Mr. Hooper, and had been forwarded to the Comptroller. *meal*

The Secretary reported that he had written the following letter to the Attorney General.

"December 8th, 1920.

Hon. Alexander Armstrong,  
Attorney General of Maryland,  
Title Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir;

The General Assembly, by Chapter 508 of the Acts of 1920, authorized the issue of \$3,000,000.00 of State bonds, \$1,500,000.00 of which was to bear the date of August 15th, 1920, and the remaining \$1,500,000.00 to bear the date of February 15th, 1921.

The Board has sold \$1,000,000.00 of the loan dated the 15th day of August, 1920, and desires to offer for public sale the balance of \$500,000.00.

The General Assembly of 1920, by Chapter 727, authorized the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of \$1,000,000.00 of which \$500,000.00 is to bear the date of February 15th, 1921. The Board has directed me to request you to prepare a resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for the \$1,500,000.00 of the loan authorized under Chapter 508 to be dated the 15th day of February, 1921, the \$500,000.00 authorized by Chapter 727 to be dated the 15th day of February, 1921, and the \$500,000.00 of the loan authorized by Chapter 508 dated the 15th day of August, 1920, which has not yet been sold. The Board will appreciate it if you will also prepare the script for the new issues, as well as the form of advertisement to be inserted.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Philip B. Perlman,

Secretary of State."

The Board authorized the placing of insurance to the amount of \$18,000.00 on the barn recently constructed at the Maryland House of Correction.

The Board approved the payment of the following bills by the Secretary:

November 26, 1920:

To Underwood Typewriter Co., 1 black record ribbon for Baltimore office -----	1.00
To Dulany-Vernay Co., Vulcot Waste Basket for Baltimore office -----	2.00

December 1, 1920:

To E. Brooke Lee, Comptroller, (Harbor Board of Baltimore) For operation of Ice boat "Annapolis" -----	7,500.00
For repairs to hull and machinery of ice boat -----	10,000.00

December 1, 1920:

To the following newspapers for publishing the Governor's Referendum Proclamation:

Advertiser-Republican,...	Annapolis -----	255.00
Evening Capital,.....	Annapolis -----	255.00

Denton Journal,.....	Denton -----	250.00
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Ridgely Sun,.....	Ridgely -----	250.00
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Enterprise,.....	Greensboro -----	250.00
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Democrat and News,.....	Cambridge -----	250.00
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Record,.....	Cambridge -----	250.00
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December 9, 1920:

To the Baltimore News, for publishing proposals for State printing 1919, 20

insertions, @ \$3.80 -----	76.00
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There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

*Philip B. Felman*  
Secretary to the Board.